Projects running behind schedule

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the corrective measures Government claim to have taken to contain time and cost-over-run in projects, more than 220 projects in the Central sector and public sector, involving over Rs. 79,000 crores, are running behind the schedule;

(b) if so, whether according to Government sources, the anticipated cost of these projects have increased from Rs. 79,000 crores to over Rs. 98,000 crores;

(c) if so, what are the details of the projects , sector-wise, which are running behind the schedule and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps being considered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) As on 1-4-2002, there are 455 central sector industrial and infrastructure projects with investment of Rs. 20 crore and above each. Out of these, 159 projects have suffered time overrun and 221 projects have suffered an aggregate cost overrun of 69.4% with respect to the originally approved cost of Rs. 68,541.2 crore. The sector-wise details of cost and time overrun are given in the enclosed statment. (*See* below).

(c) The reasons for time overrun vary from project to project and include delays in land acquisition, award of contracts and supply of equipment, lack of infrastructure, prevalence of law and order problems and fund constraints. The details of 159 delayed projects may be seen in the Quarterly Report (for the period ending December, 2001) placed in the Library of the House.

(d) The remedial steps taken for timely completion as well as for reduction in cost overruns in projects include:

(i) review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government to identify the constraints and to resolve the problems affecting the implementation of projects;

(ii) indepth critical review of the progress by the project authorities and the Administrative Ministries and follow up with the State Governments, equipment manufacturers, contractors, consultants and other agencies concerned to minimise delays;

(iii) coordination for resolving problems of inter-ministerial nature;

(iv) appointment of a nodal officer for each project co-terminous with the duration of the project;

(v) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative ministries concerned for resolution of problems;

(vi) yearly updating project costs to tie up fund requirements; and

(vii) providing matching funds for expeditious completion of projects in advanced stages of implementation.

Statement

Extent of Time/Cost overrun in projects with respect to original schedule as on 01-04-2002

Sl. No.	Sector	No. of Pro-jects	Total Cost (Rs. CRS)										
			Original	Antici-pated cost	Cost Over Run (%)	Proj With Cost Over Run				Proj. With Time Over Run			
						No.	Origi. Cost	Antici-pated cost	%	No.	Origi. Cost	Antici-pated cost	Range (No) Months
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1.	Atomic Energy	7	21043.3	24356.3	15.7	1	3447.1	6760.0	96.1	3	184.1	184.1	21–81
2.	Civil Aviation	11	432.4	487.4	12.7	5	149.8	212.2	41.6	6	261.2	266.0	9–27
3.	Coal	54	10035.8	10647.2	6.1	7	2597.5	3735.5	43.8	18	4841.6	5722.9	12–225
4.	Fertilizers	3	473.4	632.8	33.7	1	350.0	509.4	45.5	1	350.0	509.4	17–17
5.	I & B	4	168.4	215.8	28.2	1	34.2	81.6	138.9	4	168.4	215.8	36–165
6.	Mines	3	2598.8	2598 8	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2	2118.8	2118.8	6–30
7.	Steel	7	813.2	852.0	4.8	4	582.6	621.3	6.7	5	681.2	712.3	5–58
8.	Petroleum	44	35262.4	36915.3	4.7	6	10592.4	12620.7	19.1	12	3710.5	3349.4	1–20
9.	Power	38	36251.7	54480.7	50.3	13	20883.4	39121.6	87.3	15	12170.7	29868.8	4–157
10.	Health & FW	3	159 9	780.9	388.2	3	159.9	780.9	388.2	2	140.9	691.8	48–72
11.	Railways	205	28743.0	43674.8	51.9	148	21363.7	36434.0	70.5	50	8716.2	13516.7	2–156
12.	Surface Transport	62	36369.9	38876.1	6.9	26	3250.6	5986.7	84.2	32	3490.9	5633.2	1–132
13.	Telecommuni-cation	6	259.9	259.9	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3	122.2	122.2	12–72
14.	Urban Develop-ment	8	5186.8	9296.6	79.2	6	5130.1	9240.0	80.1	6	5076.8	9083.2	6–67
	TOTAL	455	177798.7	224074.5	26.0	221	68541.2	116103.9	69.4	159	42033.4	71994.6	